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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of**

Katou et al.

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**For:** LOCK APPARATUS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Claims 1-20 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1, 3-4 6, and 8-9 are amended to more clearly define the invention and claims 10-20 are added. Claims 1 and 10 are independent.